



**Minutes: NORTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING
7.30 pm TUESDAY 17 March 2015**

Majura Function Room Majura Community Centre, 2 Rosevear Place Dickson

Accepted 21 April

GUEST PRESENTATION/S

Solarshare: Lawrence McIntosh, Steve O'Connor, Kaveri Chakrabarty, Chris McGrath.

We have created SolarShare to let people have co-ownership of a community solar farm in Canberra. Our recent focus has been on finding and shortlist the right site for the solar farm. A promising shortlisted option is in the Majura valley. As a community solar group it is important for us to involve local communities in our decision making process and we are looking forward to having a discussion with the North Canberra Community Council and its stakeholders with respect to this option.

A brief background on SolarShare;

SolarShare members gain a connection to others in their community, a connection to investment in local infrastructure, and connection to how renewable energy is generated. All while making a sustainable investment with a financial return. You can learn more on SolarShare at www.solarshare.com.au

STANDING ITEMS

Attendance and Apologies

Attendance (members): Greg Zwajgenberg (Deputy Chair), Leon Arundell (Secretary), Marcus Hipkins, Geoff Davidson and Jochen Zeil (committee), Denis O'Brien, Kathleen Read, Kathy Platt, John O'Brien, Alison Oakeshott, Cecilia Skene, Chris Emery, Sabine Friedrich.

Observers: Julie Finlayson, David Martin, Jo Sladic, Christine Healy, Maureen O'Connor, C. McGrath, Kaveri Chakrabarty, Sherry McArdle-English, Jayson Mesmon.

Apologies: Mike Hettinger (Chair), Bruce Smith (Treasurer), Marianne Albury-Colless and Waltraud Pix (committee), David Teather, Jane Goffman.

Confirm the minutes of the preceding General Meeting 17 February

The Minutes of the 17 February meeting were accepted (moved Alison Oakeshott, seconded Marcus Hipkins).

Report on Committee decisions since the previous General Meeting.

Leon reported that:

- membership applications had been accepted from Leanne Neo, Robert Henderson, Sarah Chapman, Lachlan Chislett, Frances Parker, Margaret Sullivan, Kerrie Thornton, Michael Flynn, Rino Ciaccia, Anna Ciaccia, Sue Dyer, Steve Dyer, Julie Edwards, Dr Carleton Bruin Christensen, Mrs Edith Christensen, Vanessa Attridge, Allison Barnes, Linda Moore, David Mills, Evan Gallagher and Dr Dev RoyChowdhury.

More brochures would be printed, and could include contact information for the Majura Residents Association.

Treasurer's report

In the absence of the Treasurer, Leon advised that out bank balance is \$14,580.

Resident Group reports

Lyneham Community Association reported that it had held its first General Meeting and published its first newsletter, and that Denis O'Brien had been elected Chair.

Hackett Community Association reported that it will have a stall at the Hackett shops market day on Saturday.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Fluffy subcommittee report

The group met two weeks ago. The Full Disclosure - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1494434857512982/> - co-ordinators decided that the four following were the most important points for the greatest number of Mr Fluffy homeowners:

1. KDRB (Knock Down Re Build) must be the same as for those homeowners who undertook, prior to October 2014, to demolish their homes and remediate the land. Those who trusted the Task Force's suggestion to wait until the 28 October 2014 announcement have been seriously disadvantaged as they lose their Crown leases as well as their homes, whereas the Pre October demolishers kept their leases and were refunded demolition costs and house value.
2. Retired Fluffies to be allowed to remain in their homes as long as they wish, with no threat of compulsory acquisition being held over their heads

and a better consideration of any Asbestos Management Plan applying to their homes.

3. Stamp duty – interstate buyers want a refund of stamp duty paid on Fluffy homes plus fair market interest. Those staying in ACT but who purchased post February should have the same stamp duty exemption as anyone else purchasing in the ACT.
4. Board of Inquiry. A Royal Commission is not likely to be set up because of jurisdictional dictates. However, a BOI needs to be held.

City and Northbourne Urban Design Framework report

Deferred to the next meeting.

Northbourne Avenue Walking and Cycling Facilities workshop 19 Feb

Leon Arundell reported that there was general agreement that cycling facilities should be off-road rather than on-road, that high speed commuting cyclists should be separated from pedestrians, and that low speed cyclists should be accommodated.

There was a preference for a layout that included a separated footpath and a separated off-road cycle path wide enough to accommodate both slow and fast riders.

Participants agreed that slip lanes at intersections are a particular problem for cyclists.

None of the designs addressed the issues of pedestrian and light rail passenger access **to** or **across** Northbourne Avenue, or the issue of **getting through intersections** which are the principal source of traffic delays.

Planning and Development Forum

Leon Arundell reported that:

- Rooftop sprinklers are not currently mandated in the ACT, but can help in the event of a bushfire.
- Solar tender: By 2017, more than 80% of ACT residential electricity will be from renewables.
- ACT Basin Priority Projects focus on the quality of water that the ACT discharges into the Murrumbidgee and is used for downstream uses. Phase 1 (to Feb 2016) will audit data audit and monitoring water quality, and Phase 2 will include design/approval/construction.
- The NCA wants native gum trees (probably scribbly gum along the Northbourne Avenue median, but the Environment and Planning

Directorate wants exotics along the roadside, to improve amenity. Currently ~50,000 people live within the corridor, in ~20,000 households. ~20,000 extra people are expected in the corridor by 2030, and there is capacity under current planning laws for another 40~50,000 new dwellings over the next 80-100 years. 65% of the cars that use Northbourne Avenue in the AM peak cross Commonwealth Avenue Bridge. ~50% of the time it takes to walk from City Walk to the ANU is spent waiting at traffic signals.

- The Planning and Development (Capital Metro) Amendment Bill retains standard Development Application processes for infrastructure that supports current or future light rail projects, but prevents ACAT appeals and allows departures from Environment or Heritage advice. It does not over-ride common law appeals to the Supreme Court. It will not apply to infrastructure that supports Bus Rapid Transit.
- NCCC asked that the second page of Notifiable Instrument NI 2012-622 be appended to the record of the meeting, to correct information that was provided to the Forum in June and December 2013.

Volunteers needed for stall at Connect and Participate Expo

NCCC has booked a stall for this expo at the Old Bus Depot in Kingston on Saturday 28 March.

Community facilities

Lack of public toilets in suburbs such as Watson and Hackett, exacerbated by closures of toilets and removal of rubbish bins in Downer and failure to reopen toilets at the Dickson wetlands.

Is this a local issue for the NCCC, or a Canberra-wide issue to refer to the Combined Community Councils?

The meeting seemed to agree that this was an issue for the Combined Community Councils, related to loss of green space, and would likely be supported by COTA.

Development Application for a Childcare Centre at the Braddon Bowling Club

Submissions on DA 201426554 ([click here](#) and scroll down) are due by 23 March 2015.

No decision was made on this Development Application.

Any other business

- Chris Emery and Alison Oakeshott nominated for the Combined Community Councils Transport Subcommittee.

- Committee is asked to clarify what Lyneham Community Association events can be covered by the Council's public liability insurance

Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.